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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity...for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God."

St. Paul wrote those words to the Corinthians about his appeal for help for the Church in his day (2 Cor. 9:11-12).

That blessed pattern of need and response is part of our life, too. Our participation in the diocesan appeal is an exercise of Christian stewardship: we return God's gifts in order to help others in the family of faith and thereby grow in gratitude and thanksgiving for all we have received from Him.

I invite you once again to join me in this work at the heart of the Church. Our stewardship of what is committed to us can build up the faith and life of everyone in the diocesan Church. God bless your generous response.

With prayerful best wishes,

Most Reverend Stephen Jensen